

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does genuine, real faith in Christ look like in someone’s life?
2. What are some ways that people fake faith in Christ?
3. How are you doing in the listening department?
4. How does slow to speak and slow to anger fit in with quick to listen?
5. What is repentance and how is it a part of receiving the Word?
6. How can our choice of words impact our ability to share Christ?
7. How does being a doer of the Word help define real faith?

Answers to fill in the blanks:  
 A. REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK 1. ESCAPE 2. 1) ENDURANCE 2) WISDOM 3) SPIRITUAL REWARD 4) WORD OF TRUTH  
 B. HOW DO WE KNOW OUR FAITH IS GENUINE? LISTENING, RECEIVING, DOING C. THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK: 1. LISTENING 1) CRUCIAL STEP a. OTHERS b. TIME c. READ EARS, MOUTH 3) NEVER 2. SALVATION 1) REPENTANCE 3. DOERS 1) ENTERED 2) MIRROR 3) HEART MONITOR 4) CHRIST

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# SERMON NOTES

## REAL FAITH AND GOD’S WORD

James 1:19-27

### A. REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

1. When we go through trials in our life often what we want is to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In response to real, genuine faith in Christ, God gives:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_

### B. HOW DO WE KNOW IF OUR FAITH IS GENUINE?

Genuine faith in Christ involves not only \_\_\_\_\_  
 to, not only \_\_\_\_\_, but also  
 \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word.

### C. THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK:

#### 1. ARE WE \_\_\_\_\_ ?

James 1:19–20 (CSB)

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, <sup>20</sup> for human anger does not accomplish God’s righteousness.

## SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

- 1) Listening has always been a \_\_\_\_\_ toward faith in Christ. (Romans 10:14-17)
  - a. We must work at listening to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. If we don't control our \_\_\_\_\_, someone will.
  - c. We must listen as we \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.
- 2) Remember we have two \_\_\_\_\_ and one \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The flesh \_\_\_\_\_ produces righteousness, and human anger is a manifestation of the flesh. (Galatians 5:19-21)

### 2. HAVE WE RECEIVED GOD'S WORD FOR

\_\_\_\_\_?

James 1:21 (CSB)

<sup>21</sup> Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, humbly receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

- 1) Deciding to turn away from sinful ways and to trust in God's ways is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2) How do we receive God's Word for salvation?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (CSB)

<sup>3</sup> For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

John 3:16 (CSB)

<sup>16</sup> For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

## SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

### 3. ARE WE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORD?

James 1:22 (CSB)

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

- 1) Unless the Word has made a change in our lives, it has not really \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

#### ILLUSTRATION

James 1:23-25 (CSB)

<sup>23</sup> Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his own face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of person he was. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works—this person will be blessed in what he does.

- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ is the Word of God, the perfect law of freedom.

#### EXAMPLES OF DOING GOD'S WORD

##### NEGATIVE EXAMPLE

James 1:26 (CSB)

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious without controlling his tongue, his religion is useless and he deceives himself.

- 3) A believer's speech is a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and it seems many are in spiritual cardiac arrest.

##### POSITIVE EXAMPLES

James 1:27 (CSB)

<sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

- 4) Being a doer includes representing \_\_\_\_\_ to those in need, and by doing what is right even if it goes against the culture.